



MEMORY ACTIVITIES



Here at Shichida, we focus on developing a range of memory skills that help children to succeed in school and life. These include photographic memory, auditory memory, and high speed mass memory. We help to develop memory skills so that children are able to easily store and recall information, which builds a strong foundation for lifelong learning. Kinder and school provide no such brain training.

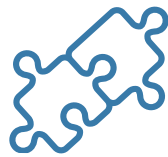
	Kinder	School	SHICHIDA
Photographic Memory	✗	✗	✓
Linking Memory	✗	✗	✓
Auditory Memory	✗	✗	✓
Mnemonic Memory	✗	✗	✓
Mass Memory	✗	✗	✓
Speed Reading	✗	✗	✓

Addressing concerns about overloading children

The Shichida Approach to Balance

At Shichida, our approach is all about balance. We know that children thrive when they feel motivated and excited, not pressured. That's why our lessons are paced to be child-friendly, ensuring that your child enjoys the process while developing essential cognitive and academic skills. The activities we use, from memory games to problem-solving exercises, are presented in ways that are both playful and stimulating.

The goal isn't to 'push' children but to provide the right level of challenge that keeps them engaged without feeling stressed. In fact, children often leave Shichida sessions feeling accomplished and proud of what they've achieved, which boosts their confidence and motivation for the next step.



CRITICAL THINKING

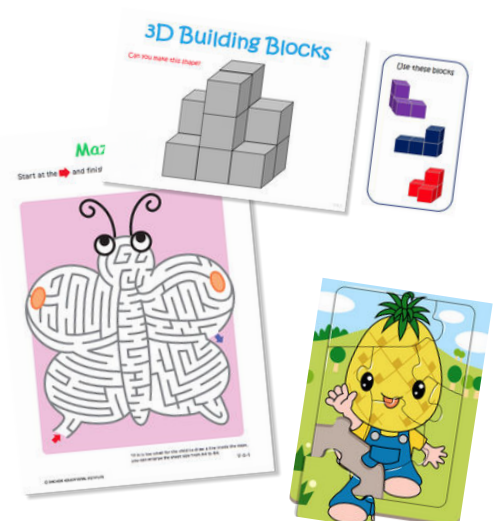


Shichida teaches a wide variety of critical thinking skills that help to build confidence, resilience and lateral thinking skills. These include activities such as mazes, tangram puzzles, ordinal numbers, patterns, categorization, prepositions (on, under, top, front etc) and time.

	Kinder	Prep	Shichida 2 year old	Shichida 3 year old	Shichida 4 year old
Mazes	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Time	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Tangram puzzles	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Deductive reasoning	○	○	✓	✓	✓
Categorisation	○	○	✓	✓	✓
Prepositions	○	○	✓	✓	✓
Similarities & differences	○	○	✓	✓	✓

* ○ indicates easier curriculum

Teaching critical thinking skills establishes the foundation for children to make judgements, solve problems, think creatively, empathize with others and communicate effectively. Our 2 year old program teaches critical thinking skills that children otherwise only start to learn in kinder and prep, giving children a head start. Our critical thinking activities at 3-5 years of age are far more complex than what they are completing at kinder and prep.





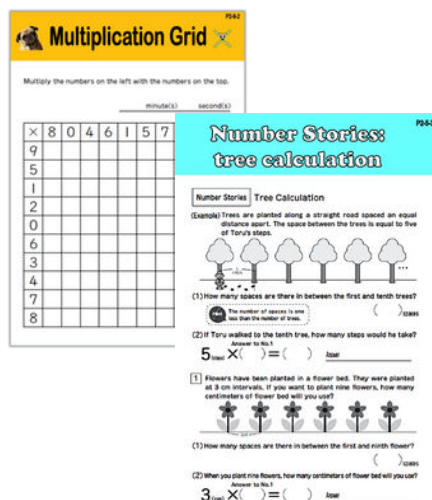
NUMERACY



Numeracy skills are incredibly important for children's overall development and future success. They help to build problem solving skills, pattern recognition, and other daily life skills. When numeracy skills are developed early, children are better equipped to learn more complex concepts later on.

	4 year old Kinder	Prep	Shichida 1-2 year old	Shichida 3-4 year old	Shichida 5-6 year old	Primary Program
Count up to 20 items	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Count to 10 by rote	✓	✓	✓			
Simple addition and subtraction	✗	✓	○	✓	✓	
Add single digits equalling up to 18	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Composition of single digit numbers	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	
Identifying money	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	
Multiplication	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Number story problems	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Introduces different mathematical concepts	✗	✗	✗	✗	○	✓

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The numeracy curriculum in Kinder and Prep is very basic, with children learning to count up to 20 items, read up to 100 numerals, and learning simple addition and subtraction in Prep.

These are skills that are taught in our 2-3 year old program, so by the time they are 5-6 years old, they are learning about fractions, circle fractions, number stories, composition of numbers and completing addition grids. Our primary program (starting at 7 years) goes on to expose a wider range of mathematical concepts such as Venn diagrams, Pythagora's Theron and Gauss' Law.



LITERACY

Literacy skills are vital for forming a foundation for communication and personal development.



4 year old Kinder starts to teach basic language skills such as singing the alphabet song, recognizing some letters, matching upper and lower case letters, letter phonics and writing their own names. Children are not expected to trace or write until Prep.

In contrast, our kids start learning these concepts in our 1-2 year old program, so by they time they are kinder age, they are learning about more complex language concepts such as synonyms, antonyms, letter blends, nouns, verbs, adjectives, plurals and negative sentences. By 5-6 our kids can read simple books, and start to complete Da Vinci mind maps and composition.



	Kinder	Prep	Shichida 1-2 year old	Shichida 3-4 year old	Shichida 5-6 year old	Primary Program
Recognises letters out of order	✗	✓	✓			
Traces letters	✗	✓	✓	✓		
Writes letters independently	✗	✓	✗	✓		
Correct pencil grip	✗	✓	✓	✓		
Phonic sounds	✓	✓	✓			
Letter blends	✗	✗	✗	✓		
Matches letters to objects	✗	✓	✓	✓		
Grammar (nouns verbs etc)	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	
Synonyms, antonyms etc	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	
Story composition	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓